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In addition to the DARE system, OCR recommended to the DDI and received approval for the purchase and installation of five Filmsort 2000 machines /q was and three companion Quadrant Printers. This euipment would speed up processing by producing an aperture card automatically instead of the three-step operation in use:

(i) microfilming using a camera, processing the film in the laboratory and finally

cutting and mounting the film in each card. It meant shifting from a 16 to a 35 mm leads in other organizations have shown the 35 mm, again, appearance of the future,

including (5. Computer Applications

Register Ground Photography Index were programmed for a computer in FY1964 and both operations were being performed on an IBM 1401 in the Office of Computer Services.

Computerizing these two operations produced a significant savings in man-hours and note faster input to this portion of the index files. Of particular significance was the extent to which the computer was used to generate the content of the files and to produce the source and aperture cards.

The years 1965 - 1967 were years of considerable change in the OCR programs. The rapid advances in computer technology, together with the mandate from the DCI to "develop the best possible system for the handling of information, indexing and data processing" were the next challenges for OCR. Its role in the age of the computer, including the simble program, is described in Chapter XI. The other OCR processing systems will be discussed further, according to the Division having major responsibility, with the exception of the Foreign Documents Division, which is itself the subject of Chapter VIII.

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